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In Re Application Of: **Karl Heinz Pflaum**



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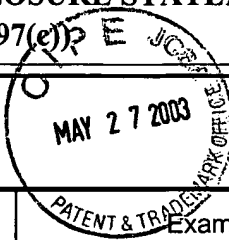
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant requests that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
4,368,362	1-11-83	Chung et al.

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EP 0 376 582	7-4-90	European
DE 44 47 028	3-28-96	Germany

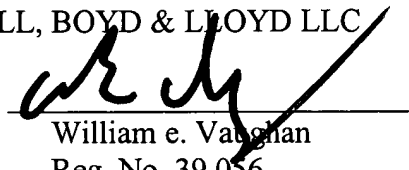
German DE 44 47 028 relates to a free-speaking device for a digital communications peripheral which uses a speech signal comparator connected to both a reception and transmission paths in controlling a variable attenuation stage in each path.

Applicant looks forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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